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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY CALLS FOR POLITICAL UNITY

1. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE ALREADY SEEN VIA FBIS REFERENCE TO DECLARATION OF ARGENTINE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCA) APPEARING IN OCTOBER 8 EDITION OF PARTY ORGAN NUESTRA PALABRA. DECLARATION WARNED OF IMMINENT RIGHT-WING COUP AND CALLED ON ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES INCLUDING MILITARY AND CHURCH TO UNITE TO ASSURE INSTITUTIONAL STABILITY. PRESENT STATEMENT IS IN A SENSE A FOLLOW-ON TO CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE DECLARATION APPEARING IN PREVIOUS EDITION OF NUESTRA PALABRA WHICH DENOUNCED TERRORISM OF EXTREME LEFT (AND STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 8 REPEATS DENUNCIATION OF TERRORISM WHETHER FROM LEFT OR RIGHT).

2. COMMENT: PCA POSITION IS NOT SURPRISING. INDEED IT IS VERY MUCH IN KEEPING WITH GRADUALIST APPROACH AND POPULAR FRONT TACTICS WHICH PCA HAS FOLLOWED FOR SOME TIME. PCA MOTIVE ALSO CLEAR. HAVING WON LEGAL STATUS AFTER MANY YEARS, PCA NOW FEELS THAT EXTREME LEFT-WING VIOLENCE AND "INFANTILISM" WILL LEAD TO RIGHT-WING REACTION AND MILITARY COUP WHICH WILL RESULT IN PARTY AGAIN BEING DECLARED ILLEGAL AND SUBJECTED TO HARRASSMENT. EVEN THOUGH MOTIVE AND TACTICS ARE CLEAR, HOWEVER, FACT THAT PCA OPENLY CALLS ON ARMY AND
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CHURCH, AMONG OTHER "DEMOCRATIC SECTORS," TO HELP DEFEND

INSTITUTIONAL STABILITY IS WRYLY AMUSING. AS ONE WAG PUT IT
AT POLITICAL ROUND TABLE OCTOBER 8: "THIS JUST CONFIRMS THAT
THE THREE MOST CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS IN ARGENTINA ARE THE
CHURCH, THE CGT AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY."
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